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C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 2513

C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (T E X T)

E. O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MOPS, PINS, PINT, PFOR, LA
SUBJECT: LAO SITUATION REPORT - APRIL 4

CINCPAC FOR POLAD; 7/13 AF, 432 TRW AND 56 SOW FOR DO/ DI;
MACTHAI FOR J2 AND PAO.

REF: VIENTIANE 2470

BEGIN SUMMARY: MILITARY- GROUND ACTION REMAINED LOW
COUNTRY- WIDE DURING PERIOD 2-3 APRIL, ALTHOUGH MAJOR ENEMY
ATTACK OCCURRED IN AREA OF CONTESTED VILLAGES NORTHEAST OF
KHONG SEDONE. ELSEWHERE, THERE WERE SIX MINOR INCIDENTS
AND ONE MAJOR SHELLING (NORTH OF DONG HENE). RLAF FLEW
ZERO COMBAT SORTIES DURING DAY 3 APRIL OR PREVIOUS NIGHT.
REPORTED ARTILLERY EXPENDITURE WAS ZERO ON 1 APRIL. PL
RALLIERS AND FIELD REPORTS REVEAL DISTURBING SIGNS OF IM-
PENDING ENEMY ATTACK TO RECAPTURE VITAL SALA PHOU KHOUN
JUNCTION ASTRIDE NORTHERN ROUTE 13. IN SOUTH LAOS, SIX
PL SOLDIERS RALLIED RECENTLY. POLITICAL - RLG AND LPF
PRIVATE NEGOTIATIONS CONTINUE, WITH PROSPECTS UNPROMISING.
GENERAL HEUANE SURFACED APRIL 1 IN SAM NEUA CEREMONY AS
KEYNOTE SPEAKER; BUT SOUPHANOUVONG AND PHOUMI VONGVICHIT
ABSENT FROM LIST OF PERSONS ATTENDING RALLY. END SUMMARY.

1. SECTION I - CEASEFIRE OBSERVANCE

A. MR I: NO GROUND ACTION REPORTED.

B. MR II: ONLY GROUND ACTION WAS VERY MINOR SHELLING
OF OUTPOST NORTHWEST OF BOUAM LONG ON 3 APRIL (NO CASUALTIES).

C. MR III: ACTIVITY INCREASED NORTH OF DONG HENE, WITH
ONE MAJOR AND TWO MINOR CLASH/ SHELLINGS (ALL ENEMY- INITIATED)
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MORNING 2 APRIL. MAJOR INCIDENT WAS 60- ROUND MORTAR

ATTACK AGAINST POSITION TEN KM NORTH NORTHEAST OF DONG
HENE VICINITY WD 362544 AT 0045 Z HOURS (NO CASUALTIES) .
OTHER TWO EVENTS RESULTED IN ONE SOLDIER AND TWO CIVILIANS
WIA. ALSO, ONE MINOR SHELLING OCCURRED SOUTHEAST OF
THAKHEK ON 2 APRIL (ONE FRIENDLY WIA). DELAYED REPORTS
INDICATED ENEMY ATTACKED TWO SMALL ISOLATED POSITIONS
55 AND 35 KM SOUTHEAST OF PAKSANE ON 28 AND 31 MARCH,
RESPECTIVELY, WITH TOTAL RESULTS OF TWO FRIENDLY WIA,
FOUR ENEMY KIA, ESTIMATED TEN OTHER ENEMY CASUALTIES
AND FOUR HOUSES DESTROYED.

D. MR IV: SIGNIFICANT MAJOR INCIDENT BEGAN AFTERNOON
3 APRIL (0930 Z), WHEN ENEMY UNITS (ONE OF BATTALION SIZE)
FROM BOTH SIDES OF XE (RIVER) DON, SUPPORTED BY TOTAL
OF 500 ROUNDS
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